

**ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Macon County Office Building
141 S. Main Street, County Board Room #514
Decatur, IL 62523**

September 24, 2020 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Kraft, Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Linda Little
Jim Gresham

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Brandi Binkley, Health Dept
Nick Burge, Environmental Mgmt

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Laura Zimmerman
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matt Brown

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve the 7/23/2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Gresham and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-04-09-20, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Richard Thacker

Ms. Gunter explained that R-04-09-20 is a petition filed by Richard Thacker requesting to rezone approximately 9.87 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning. This property is commonly located at 9025 Sefton Road in Mt. Zion Township. On September 2nd a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Greenfield. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-02-09-20, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Lee & Cathy Walston

Ms. Gunter explained R-02-09-20 is a petition filed by Lee and Cathy Walston requesting to rezone approximately 5.36 acres from (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning. This property is commonly located at 1835 N. Bender Road in Oakley Township. Oakley Township Planning Board and Township Board approved the petition. On September 2nd a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case R-03-09-20, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Lee & Cathy Walston

Ms. Gunter explained that R-03-09-20 is a petition filed by Lee and Cathy Walston requesting to rezone approximately 4.96 acres from (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning. This property is commonly located at 1835 N. Bender Road in Oakley Township. Oakley Township Planning Board and Township Board approved the petition. On September 2nd a public Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

SUBDIVISIONS –

Brian Jones Subdivision – 2 Lot Minor

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a 2 lot minor subdivision located in Long Creek Township. The Owner is Brian Jones. This property is commonly known as 2155 Esther Avenue. Lot 1 will be 1.887 acres, Lot 2 will be 15.852 acres for a total of 17.739 acres. Village of Long Creek has approved the subdivision. Staff has reviewed all of the documents and recommends approval.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

M.C.E.T.S.B Addition

Ms. Gunter explained that this is a 2 lot minor subdivision located in Decatur Township. The owner is Macon County Emergency Telephone System Board. The property is located at 2350 South Business Route 51. Lot 1 will be 1.50 acres and Lot 2 will be 5.72 acres for a total of 7.22 acres. City of Decatur has approved the subdivision. Staff has reviewed all of the documents and recommends approval.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Animal Control

Veteran's Assistance - No Report

Planning & Zoning – No Report

Health Department –

Ms. Binkley reported that they are still very busy responding to COVID-19 throughout the building, specifically in the Clinical Nursing Division. She said they are in process of hiring many people to expand capacity with those grant dollars previously spoken about. They are getting that done as quickly as possible so they can be operating at full capacity.

They continue to plan for mass vaccination clinics when a COVID-19 vaccine is available. Flu Vaccine Clinics are also starting and they continue to remind people that every year, but especially this year more than ever, it is important to get that flu vaccination.

Essential services continue within the Health Department as well as pretty much all of the services that were offered prior to COVID-19.

As a reminder, Ms. Binkley said they keep trying to spread to people to keep taking those precautionary measures. It takes all of us doing our part in order to make a difference and protect the lives of the people in Macon County as well as the visitors to our community.

- Make sure to wear the mask appropriately over the nose and mouth
- Make sure you are social distancing. One misconception is that people think that if they have their mask on, they can sit within that 6', but masking is not a substitute for social distancing. Please help break that misconception.
- It is very important if you are planning to have any type of gathering that you be as safe as you can and still implement those social distancing and masking guidelines.
- If you are told to go into quarantine, then take a COVID test and get a negative result, that negative test does not get you out of quarantine. You do still have to complete that. People are encouraged to get tested, but testing does not get you out of quarantine.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Master Services Agreement for Healthworks Illinois Lead Agency with Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc. d/b/a YouthCare

Ms. Binkley explained that this is a program that has two sides throughout the building. This particular contract is for the lead agency side. Historically, this is a program the Health Department has contracted with DCFS on in order to assist foster parents with children that have been placed in foster care. Initial case management is done to ensure they get the proper medical and other referrals and resources they need in that critical time of their lives. The State is moving to a managed care model, so now instead of getting the grant funding directly from

DCFS, they are contracting with YouthCare in order to still provide those services but doing so by getting that funding from the contract with YouthCare. The services are not expected to change in any way. Ms. Binkley said that when they were assessing whether to continue with this program they had asked what would happen if the Health Department did not do it and they had no back up plan. So, this is very important for these children who are already at high risk for us to be able to serve them. Ms. Binkley said they had also asked YouthCare for an increase with that contract because historically the Health Department had been asked to serve more children than what was in the grant agreement and never got adequate funding to staff that program the way it needed to be. YouthCare has also agreed to increase the amount of funding and will be able to hire another staff person to adequately serve all of those children.

Mr. Gresham asked about the dates on the program. Ms. Binkley said it would be effective September 1 and go through June 30. They expect it to continue after that, but the initial agreement would be through that date.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Acceptance of Donations of Goods and Materials and the Free Distribution of the Same by the Health Department

Ms. Binkley explained that they try to make sure they are doing everything the right and thorough way if possible and in speaking with the State's Attorney's Office, it was determined that the best practice is to have a resolution in place for if and when we accept and hand out donations. What is accepted is handed right back out and an assessment is done to determine if the items are safe to give back out to the public. Mr. Baggett has reviewed this resolution.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Greenfield. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY20 Health Fund Budget for COVID-19 Crisis Grant

Ms. Binkley explained that this is one of a few grants that the Health Department would be receiving specific to COVID-19. This is one of the earlier ones and is for \$72,319. There were several ways that this could be used such as overtime, public health expenses, infection control, mitigation, etc. It didn't put much of a dent, but it helps.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY20 Health Fund Budget for Local CURE Program

Ms. Binkley explained that local health departments were in allotment B of this and are able to request reimbursement up to \$251,469. These have to be things that you don't already have in a grant or budget such as expenses outside of the other COVID grants received from IDPH. A

few of the ways it can be used include public health expenses, payroll expenses, compliance expenses, etc. She said they have found ways to utilize the dollars as they move forward.

Ms. Little made a motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Greenfield. Roll call vote showed that the motion carried 6-0.

Environmental Management –

Mr. Burge gave an update on electronic & paint collections.

August 8th – electronics collection – 143 attendees with 234 tvs /computer monitors collected

August 22nd – paint collection - 119 attendees

September 12th–electronics collection–132 attendees with 200 tvs / computer monitors collected

September 26th will be a paint collection which is completely full with 140 appointments

October will be the last electronics and paint collections for the 2020 collection season

10/17 for electronics which is full & 10/31 for the paint collection for which registration opens on Monday

October 23rd - Paper Shredding event – COPS (Confidential Onsite Paper Shredding) through Midwest Fiber will be utilized. Reduced contact procedures will be implemented which means everyone stays in their vehicles until told to dump their material into the bin.

At the beginning of the Pandemic, Best Buy & Staples stopped their recycling programs and were not accepting any electronics from households, but have since reinstated their programs which is helpful because it helps take some of the stress off the county.

Mr. Gresham commented that the events fill up fast and asked how the number of participants allowed is determined. Mr. Burge explained that it has to do with past experience. They determine the best number of appointments that can be handled within a 15 minute slot. Fifteen was tried and it was found that that is just way too many at 1 appointment a minute. Ten seems to be the best number which computes to 140 to 150 as a max on the collections.

U of I Extension -No report

Regional Office of Education - No report

Mental Health – No report

Historical Museum - No report

CITIZEN’S REMARKS – None via email or citizens present at the meeting

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting –10/22/2020

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and Chair Kraft adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office